GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:258
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Opening and Upgradation of Post Offices
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices and sub-post offices across the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the targets set and achieved by the Government for opening of new post offices, sub-post offices during the Eleventh Five year Plan and proposed under Twelfth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the expansion of post offices and ongoing pending postal and telecommunication projects in various States;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard and the action taken to open the proposed post and sub-post offices expeditiously; and

(e) the details of proposals received for opening and upgradation of post offices including the district level post offices in newly bifurcated States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.258 FOR 16th DECEMBER, 2015 REGARDING "OPENING AND UPGRADATION OF POST OFFICES".

(a) Postal Circle-wise number of post offices including sub-post offices functional in the country are at Annexure-I.

(b) Postal Circle-wise details of targets set and achievements for opening of new Branch Post Offices (BOs) and Sub-Post Offices (SOs) during Eleventh Five Year Plan are at Annexure-II. Department of Posts has decided to open 400 new BOs and 412 SOs during 12th Five Year Plan under the Plan Scheme "Rural Business & Access to Postal Network". The targets for opening of post offices Postal Circle-wise during first four years of 12th Five Year Plan are at Annexure-III. The Postal Circle-wise opening of remaining 56 BOs and 43 SOs for the financial year 2016-17 has not been decided so far as it will depend on allocation of budget in the annual plan.

(c) & (d) Review of expansion of post offices is an on-going process. On review, if it is found that opening of new post offices are justified in particular areas as per prescribed norms for opening of new post offices, post offices are opened in those areas by relocation & redeployment under Plan Scheme.

As regards telecommunication projects, various schemes are implemented with the financial support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for expansion of telecom services in rural and remote areas, details are at Annexure-IV.

(e) The details of proposals received for opening and upgradation of post offices including the district level post offices in newly bifurcated States are at Annexure-V.